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1. TWA'S UK MANAGER HAS RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM T//WA HEADQUARTERS TO GIVE UK DEPARTMENT OF TRADE FORMAL NOTICE THAT TWA IS SEEKING ADDITION OF VIENNA TO ITS UK PERMIT. AS WE UNDERSTAND SITUATION (SEE REF A), UK WILL NOT ENTERTAIN A TWA APPLICATION FOR VIENNA RIGHTS UNTIL USG DESIGNATES CARRIER AND WE NOTE FROM REF B THAT INSTRUCTIONS ARE BEING PREPARED FOR DESIGNATION CHANGES RESULTING FROM APPROVAL SUBJECT ROUTE SWAP.

2. WE/ BELIEVE UKG WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY WITH A BLANKET DESIGNATION OF TWA FOR ALL POINTS LISTED IN US ROUTE 2 OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT. IF DESIGNATION TAKES THIS FORM IT IS QUITE LIKELY THAT UK WOULD INVOKE CONSULTATION PROVISION OF SIDE AGREEMENT ON MULTIPLE DESIGNATION. DESIGNATION THAT WOULD BE MOST EASILY HANDLED WOULD BE ONE WHICH SIMPLY SUBSTITUTED VIENNA FOR FRANKFURT AND ADDED PASSENGER TO CARGO AND MAIL RIGHTS ON LONDON-VIENNA SEGMENT. EVEN IF DESIGNATION TAKES THIS RESTRICTED FORM, HOWEVER, WE CANNOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY THAT UK MIGHT CALL FOR CONSULTATIONS.
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3. REGARDLESS OF FORM DESIGNATION TAKES, WE WOULD EX-
PECT BRITISH TO CALL FOR CONSULTATIONS AND OTHERWISE DE-
LAY ISSUANCE OF PERMIT UNLESS THEY ARE CONVINCED THAT
ADDITION OF VIENNA TO PERMIT IS ESSENTIAL CONDITION FOR
TWA TO IMPLEMENT ROUTE SWAP AGREEMENT. IF BRITISH
BELIEVE ROUTE SWAPS WILL GO THROUGH WITHOUT LONDON-VIENNA
IN TWA PERMIT THEY MAY DELAY AS WAY OF REMINDING US OF
WHAT THEY CONSIDER TO BE UNDUE DELAY IN ISSUANCE OF LAKER
SKYTRAIN PERMIT.

4. COMMENT: WE DO NOT KNOW HOW CRITICAL LONDON-VIENNA
RIGHTS ARE TO TWA ALTHOUGH WE WOULD ASSUME COSTS AND
BENEFITS OF ROUTE SWAP MUST BE FAIRLY CLOSELY BALANCED.
HOWEVER, IF TWA HAS NO NEAR TERM INTENTION OF IMPLEMENTIN
LONDON-VIENNA RIGHTS, WE COULD BE BIT MORE RELAXED SINCE
WE WOULD ASSUME PRESENT FRICTIONS IN BILATERAL AVIATION
RELATIONS WILL BE REMOVED LATER IN YEAR IF, AS APPEARS
LIKELY, UK INSISTS UPON RENEGOTIATION OF BASIC BILATERAL.

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